

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM

AZ-320-2005-0014

Case/Project No.: CAAZCA 46701

PROJECT NAME: AT&T Wireless Right-of-Way Grant

TECHNICAL REVIEW:

(√)	Program	Reviewer	Signature	Date
	Air Quality			
	ACEC			
√	Botanical including T & E Spp.	J. Young		
	Communications (Dispatch)			
√	Cultural/Paleontology	S. Arnold		
	Energy Policy			
	Environmental Justice			
	Farmlands (Prime & Unique)			
	Floodplain			
√	Hazardous Material	S. Fusilier		
√	Invasive & Non-Native Species	J. Young		
√	Lands/Realty	F. Rodriguez		
	Land Law Examiner			
	Law Enforcement			
	Minerals			
	Native American Religious Concerns			
	Operations			
	Range Management			
	Recreation			
	Soils			
	Surface Protection			
	Visual Resources			
	Water Rights			
	Water Quality (Surface & Ground)			
	Wetlands/Riparian Zones			
	Wild & Scenic Rivers			
√	Wilderness	A. Curtis		
	Wild Horses/Burros			
√	Wildlife including T & E Spp.	J. Young		

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Reviewed by: _____

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Assistant Field Manager

Date: _____

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Location (legal description):

Right-of-Way Grant application, CAAZCA 46701, affects the following public lands: E½SE¼ (within), sec. 12, T. 5 S., R. 23 E., and portions lots 1 (42.67 acres) and 3 (40.00 acres), sec. 7, T. 5 S., R. 24 E., San Bernardino Meridian, Riverside County, California. The area described contains 2.27 acres approximately.

Applicant: AT&T Wireless

Description of Proposed Action:

On November 8, 2004, we received a right-of-way application from AT&T Wireless to install six BTS cabinets within American Tower's (American) existing right-of-way area (CAAZCA 41174) on top of a 12-foot-wide by 20-foot-long concrete pad. The application also includes the access road, 20 feet wide by 4,932 feet long, to the Big Maria Communications Site. The right-of-way would be issued pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761), and all applicable regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 2800. The right-of-way grant would be issued for a 20-year term with the right to renew. This proposed action would be located in areas that have already been disturbed due to the American's existing facility. Maintenance of the communications use facility would occur as needed within the right-of-way area. If land outside the area were needed for maintenance, a temporary use permit would need to be requested.

The proposed action will not be implemented until BLM has completed its consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Office.

Categorical Exclusion Reference:

Right-of-Way Grant Applications, CAAZCA 46701: 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4: E(12) – Grants of rights-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way.

Required Stipulations:

See attached

Compliance and Monitoring Responsibility: YFO, Lands

Compliance inspections would be conducted regularly to verify that the holder complies with the stipulations, terms and conditions set forth in right-of-way grant CAAZCA 46701.

Decision:

BLM has determined that the proposal conforms to the land use plan, is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria, and that it will not involve any significant adverse environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review. The Proposed Action will have no effect on the President's Energy Policy and a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required. The proposed action will be implemented subject to the stipulations within the authorizing document.

Approved by: _____

Rebecca Heick
Yuma Field Manager

Date: _____

Categorical Exclusion Review

Department of the Interior Departmental Manual 516 2.3.A(3) provides for a review of the following categorical exclusion criteria to determine if exceptions apply to this project. The following exceptions apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (CX). Environmental documents must be prepared for actions which may:

CRITERIA	YES	NO
1 Have significantly adverse effects on public health or safety.	_____	__X__
2 Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or main drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.	_____	__X__
3 Have highly controversial environmental impacts.	_____	__X__
4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	_____	__X__
5 Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	_____	__X__
6 Are directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	_____	__X__
7 Adversely affect on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.	_____	__X__
8 Adversely affect species listed or proposed for listing on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or adversely affect designated critical habitat for these species.	_____	__X__
9 Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.	_____	__X__
10 Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirements imposed for protecting the environment.	_____	__X__